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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPAP, CG, BY, RW

SUBJECT: FOOD PURCHASES FOR BURUNDI AND RWANDA IN KIVU

1. CONSULATE HAS HEARD THAT UN EMPLOYEE FROM BUJUMBURA (APPARENTLY BELGIAN NATIONAL) WAS HERE DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11-15 TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF QTE REGIONAL AUTHORITIES UNQTE FOR PURCHASE OF 2,000 TONS OF STAPLE FOODS TO RELIEVE FOOD SHORTAGE ANTICIPATED IN BURUNDI. PRINCIPLE PRODUCTS TO BE PURCHASED: RICE, BEANS AND PEAS. PAYMENT ALLEGEDLY TO BE IN DOLLARS OR BELGIAN FRANCS. TRANSPORT TO BE SUPPLIED BY SELLERS FROM HERE TO BUJUMBURA.

2. OUR SOURCE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MATTER BUT HEARD REPORT SECOND-HAD. HE WAS LATER TOLD BY A DIFFERENT INFORMANT THAT RICE WAS AVAILABLE TO BE SENT IMMEDIATELY BUT THAT QTE IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME UNQTE TO COLLECT NECESSARY QUANTITIES OF OTHER ITEMS.

3. OUR SOURCES CLAIM THAT COMMISSAIRE DE REGION AWARE OF SALE AND HAS APPROVED.

4. ON NOVEMBER 14, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA VISITING HERE
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WITH AMBASSADOR FRITTS INDICATED THAT RWANDA HAD ALSO MADE

APPROACH TO COMMISSAIRE DE REGION ABOUT TWO WEEKS EARLIER FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE STAPLES IN KIVU AND HAD BEEN TURNED
DOWN. DISCRETE INQUIRIES HERE HAVE PRODUCED NO ADDITIONAL INFO
ON THIS POINT.

5. CONSULATE IS AWARE THAT OUR INFO IS UNLIKELY TO BE COMPLETE
AND WELCOMES ANY COMMENTS BUJUMBURA AND KIGALI MAY WISH TO ADD.

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